

# Year 4 Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful break. Our learning for Term 4 is detailed below so you can support your children in their learning at home. Please keep up to date with the latest news from Year 4 by following our Twitter account (@Fva\_y4) and by checking our Wordpress page regularly. I am always available if you need to speak to me at the end of the day but you can also contact me via email (either via the school office or directly at [year4@fva.clf.uk](mailto:year4@fva.clf.uk)). See you on the playground!



## We are Readers

The children are able to borrow a range of suitable fiction and non-fiction texts from school.

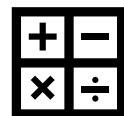
Children should read every day and they should **read to an adult at least twice a week**. Please record each time you read with your child in the yellow Reading Record. We recommend 10 minutes every day to really give children the best opportunities to develop their confidence in reading. I will also read with them on a rotation of days.

## We are Writers

In Term 4, our writing will be based around the fiction text *Edison* by Torben Kuhlmann. Over the term, we will be using this text as a stimulus for our own adapted narrative. Our focus will be on using adverbs of place in our writing. Our non-fiction outcome will be to write an instruction text using adverbials of time.

## We are Mathematicians

In this term, we are going to be extending our understanding of length and perimeter. In this unit, we are going to focus on finding the perimeter of shapes and how to work out missing lengths. After that, we will explore fractions. We will learn how to add and subtract fractions and how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions.

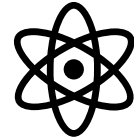


In order to build and maintain number fluency, we will be consolidating our mental and written arithmetic skills throughout the term in our Mathsmagicians sessions.

## **We are Scientists**

This term, we are studying Physics. Our focus will be Electricity.

In this unit, we will identify appliances that run on electricity, construct a simple circuit and name the parts. We will recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and learn how to use symbols to represent a circuit in a diagram. We will explore which materials are conductors and which materials are insulators.



## **We are Athletes**

PE will be taught once a week, on Thursdays. Please ensure that children come into school wearing their school PE kits on these days. Please label all items of clothing clearly.



## **Forest School**

This term we are lucky to be going to Forest School on Wednesdays! Please make sure your child brings wellies and warm clothes each week.

## **We are Geographers**



In Term 4, we are going to study South America. We will use globes and atlases to locate countries and cities in South America. We will explore the natural and artificial physical features of the area and develop our understanding of the Amazon rainforest.

## **We are Home Learners**

Each week, children in Year 4 are expected to:

- Read to an adult at least twice and record it in their yellow reading record
- Play TTRS for a total of 20 minutes
- Learn the weekly spellings for the test on Friday

In addition, there are home learning activity suggestions related to our school topics available on our class WordPress page:

<https://wordpress.com/page/fromevalecitizens.wordpress.com/7574>

## **We are Frome Vale Citizens**

This term's Learning Behaviour is **resilience**. The FVA Value is **loyalty**. We will be thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice loyalty in our lives. Our Y4 key question will be: "*Is loyalty ever a bad thing?*"